



Here To Stay!

Okay, I'm late.....really late! It's already half way through the month and I'm just getting started on this newsletter. It has been a distressing month or more for a lot of us. The illness and/or injury and/or surgeries of Liz Kellam, Karen Wilson, Mary Crockett, Pastor Miller, Brenda Wallace and myself, to name a few, has put a serious dent in our attendance. This is in addition to Jimmy and Cora Campbell, Nat Atkinson, Helen McDonough, Nancy Lewis, Jane Custis, Dot Evans and Betty Killmon who, due to their chronic conditions, have made them unable to attend for so long now. (Charlotte, we're so glad you're back with us.) I'm sure I've forgotten some...please forgive me! So much illness, injury and/or infirmity within our church family. Yet, we keep plugging along.

How can it be? Well, we have a great Leadership Team that's willing to step up and cover whatever crazy thing needs to be handled. Our goals/commitments to various Missions are always met or exceeded and we continue to meet our own budget needs.

What do you think? Why is that? Well, I'm very sure that God's not done with us individually and Hollies Baptist Church as a whole. Think how long we've been here. We are now in our 234th year through epidemics, wars, hurricanes, floods, droughts, blizzards and ice storms. Yet, here we are!

So get ready! We're already in the New Year and it's coming at us fast! Now, add in the Presidential Election and related events. The whole thing can make you dizzy!

Here's What's Coming Up:

- ◆ Sundays—Sunday School at 9:45 am.
Worship Service at 11am
- ◆ Wednesdays—Kid's Meetings 6:30pm
- ◆ Jan 1st—New Year's Day
- ◆ Jan 12th—Impact Hunger Deliveries
- ◆ Jan 15th—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ◆ Jan 19th—Ladies Bible Study Begins 10am
- ◆ Jan 21st—Sanctity of Life Sunday
Covered Dish Supper After Worship
- ◆ Jan 26th—Ladies Bible Study 10am
- ◆ Feb 2nd—Groundhog Day
Ladies Bible Study 10am
- ◆ Feb 9th—Ladies Bible Study 10am
- ◆ Feb 14th—Valentine's Day
- ◆ Feb 16th—Ladies Bible Study 10 am
- ◆ Feb 19th—President's Day—Impact Hunger
Deliveries Noon to 1 pm
- ◆ Feb 23rd—Ladies Bible Study

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Kids Mtg 6:30p	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service I Ia	8	9	10 Kids Mtg 6:30p	11	12 Impact Hunger Deliveries Noon-1pm	13
14 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service I Ia	15 Martin Luther King Jr Day	16	17 Kids Mtg 6:30p	18	19 Ladies Bible Study 10a	20
21 Sanctity of Life Sunday Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service I Ia Covered Dish Supper	22	23	24 Kids Mtg 6:30p	25	26 Ladies Bible Study 10a	27
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A Letter From the Pastor

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20

You hear this every Sunday but in these days, we need to have a vision of Going and Sharing the Gospel unto all the Earth. It is important for us to know God’s command for us.

Why? “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.” Matthew 24:4-8

We live in what could be called exciting times. We see the Wars and rumors, we see famines, earthquakes, and sin is running rampant in the hearts of men. We need to take the Great commission that God has given us to the world. How? Why? First, there are hundreds to thousands in our communities that need to be reached. Mass evangelism is not always the best means of evangelizing, one on one and listening over a cup of coffee, lunch. Being available when people need to hear a word from the Lord. We may be the only ones listening to their needs. Church may not be the main way to win souls today, but your life is the example and way to Christ.

There are other opportunities to look at in our community. There is a large Hispanic community that needs to be reached, and a new one that I’m just learning about in this area is the Haitian community. There are opportunities for ministry in our Food bank, helping them in establishing their own Church for fellowship. And as I shared earlier having a cup of coffee, lunch or even a smile to be encouraging.

As I close this note today, Remember Philippians 4: 4-6, “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Have a great New Year and Go and share the Gospel today.

Pastor Steve



Groundhog Day ~ February 2nd



HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 19th



Happy Valentine's Day
February 14th

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Standard Hours of Worship
& Meetings

Sunday Morning
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am

Wednesday Evening
Kids & Youth Meetings 6:30pm